

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 is now present in this application. It should be noted that the amendments to original claim 1 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claim in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations. For example, amendments have been made to broaden the claim; remove reference numerals in the claim; remove/change any phrases unique to European practice; and to place the claim in a more recognizable U.S. form, including the use of the transitional phrase "comprising" as well as the phrase "wherein".

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of claim 1 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any

additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37  
C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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